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SIR:

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AMENDMENT

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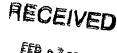
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SIR:

This Amendment is submitted in answer to the Office Action dated November 2, 2000, which set a three month period for response. Thus, this Amendment is timely filed on or before February 2, 2001.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1. 3.

2. (Amended) The method of Claim [1] 23, further comprising washing the [capture molecule:target molecule] capture antibody:target molecule complex to remove unbound sample

after step (a).

In Claim 4, line 1, delète "1" and insert therefor -

delete "capture molecule" and insert therefor - -capture antibody-